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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL REPORT ON NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

TEHRAN FOR LAINGEN

1. HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE
HAS DISTRIBUTED ADVANCE COPIES OF CODEL FREY' S REPORT ON
NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES,
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INCLUDING INDIA, LEBANON, GREECE AND TURKEY. REPORT WILL
BE RELEASED TO PUBLIC ON APRIL 25 OR 26. FOLLOWING

EXTRACTS OF MORE SENSITIVE COMMENTS AND CODEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS MAY BE OF INTEREST DURING CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE. COPY OF REPORT POUCHED TO TEHRAN FOR LAINGEN ON APRIL 19, POUCH K-439, INVOICE A-936, REGISTRY NO. 1643000. ADDITIONAL COPIES OF REPORT WILL BE POUCHED TO ADDRESSEE POSTS ASAP.

2. INDIA - AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES ARE ENCOURAGING INCREASED PRODUCTION. ESTIMATES ON ILLICIT DIVERSIONS RANGE FROM 5 PER CENT (GOI) TO 20-25 PER CENT (BNDD ATTACHE) OF LICIT PRODUCTION. OPIUM IS SMUGGLED FROM BOMBAY AREA TO PERSIAN GULF PORTS WHERE IT IS TRANSSHIPPED TO FINAL DESTINATION IN EUROPE AND THE AMERICAS. DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, D. SEN, INFORMED CODEL STOPPING OF OPIUM PRODUCTION IN

TURKEY IS BEGINNING TO DIRECT TRAFFICKERS' ATTENTION TO INDIA. RECOMMENDATIONS - (1) RESTRAINTS SHOULD BE PLACED ON ACTIVITIES OF AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES SEEKING TO INCREASE INDIAN OPIUM PRODUCTION. (2) VIABLE CHEMICAL ALTERNATIVES TO OPIUM MUST BE SOUGHT. (3) CLOSER SUPERVISION OF POPPY FARMERS DURING HARVEST IS REQUIRED. (4) CROP SUBSTITUTES TO OPIUM POPPIES WHICH HAVE CAPABILITY OF PRODUCING AN EQUIVALENT AMOUNT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE SHOULD BE EXPLORED AND EMPLOYED. (5) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ALLEGED ROAD BEING BUILT BY CHINESE SOUTH INTO NEPAL TOWARD INDIA SHOULD BE GATHERED. (6) GOI MUST BE CONVINCED OF POTENTIAL DANGER OF DIVERSION AND NEED FOR LOCAL COOPERATION AND EFFORT IN SUPPRESSING DRUG TRAFFIC.

3. LEBANON - MAJOR PROBLEM IS HASHISH. SEIZURES INDICATE LEBANON IS LARGEST PRODUCER IN WORLD. OVER 200 TONS PRODUCED ANNUALLY. ESTIMATED FIVE PER CENT SMUGGLED TO US. GOL HAS ALLOWED PRODUCTION IN BEKKA VALLEY TO CONTINUE WITHOUT INTERFERENCE BECAUSE: (1) MOST LANDOWNERS ARE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, AND (2) IT IS ONLY CASH CROP FOR 10,000 TO 15,000 FAMILIES. GOL HAS STRIGENTLY ENFORCED LAWS ON OTHER DRUGS. RECENT INFORMATION INDICATES PRESENCE OF HEROIN LABORATORY OPERATING IN OR NEAR BEIRUT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BNDD HAS NAMES OF LABORATORY'S FINANCIAL BACKER, CHEMIST. CHEMISTS' ASSISTANT ARRESTED FEBRUARY 1972 ON HASHISH CHARGES. LITTLE OPIUM AND MORPHINE BASE TRANSITTING COUNTRY. OFFICIALS CONCEDE WITH CRACKDOWN IN MARSEILLES TURKS AND SYRIANS MAY ATTEMPT TO USE LEBANON AS MAJOR TRANSIT POINT. RECOMMENDATIONS - (1) GOL MUST BE CONVINCED THAT INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS OUTWEIGH DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATION AND HASHISH PRODUC-

TION MUST STOP. (2) US WORK WITH U. N. AND LEBANON TO DEVELOP A VIABLE CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM AND ARTIFICIAL MARKET IN BEKKA VALLEY. (3) US SHOULD PROVIDE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TRAINING TO LEBANESE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS, POLICE AND JUDGES. THEY HAVE REQUESTED SUCH TRAINING AND IT AS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY U. S. MISSION. (4) LEBANESE CUSTOMS INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES ARE CONSIDERED INADEQUATE. CUSTOMS INVESTIGATIVE UNIT SHOULD BE MADE AN EQUAL ARM OF NARCOTICS CONTROL FORCE AND FURNISHED COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT SUPPORT. U. S. ASSISTANCE IN FORM OF EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE PROVIDED IF NECESSARY. (5) COOPERATION OF EGYPT AND SYRIA INTERDICTING FLOW OF HASHISH OUT OF LEBANON SHOULD BE SOUGHT. (6) AMERICAN MISSION SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE LEBANESE TO TAKE PRECAUTIONARY STEPS AGAINST INCREASED FOREIGN TRANSSHIPMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF LABS IN BEIRUT AS THE REFINERIES IN MARSEILLES ARE CLOSED DOWN. ALSO, THEY SHOULD BE WARY OF GREATER OUTSIDE CRIMINAL

INTEREST IN TAPPING LEBANESE HASHISH PRODUCTION BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S TOWARD HASHISH (SIC).

4. TURKEY - TURKEY IS THOUGHT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR 70-80 PER CENT OF HEROIN ENTERING US. TURKS HAVE AGREED TO TERMINATE ALL LICIT PRODUCTION THIS YEAR. AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, IS NO PANACEA AND SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEMS EXIST. TURKS LACK CAPABILITY TO ENFORCE BAN. PEASANTS AND TRAFFICKERS HAVE CONCEALED STOCKPILES THAT MAY BE SUFFICIENT FOR ANOTHER 2 TO 4 YEARS. SOME FARMERS MAY HAVE DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH PRODUCTION. CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM IS LAGGING. SUCCESS DEPENDS ON POLITICAL STABILITY. GOT IS BEING PRESSED TO BREAK AGREEMENT. RECOMMENDATIONS - (1) WE SHOULD PROVIDE EQUIPMENT TURKS NEED TO MONITOR THE BAN ON PRODUCTION. (2) OUR BNDD MISSION IN TURKEY SHOULD BE AUGMENTED AND WORK WITH TURKS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN FIELD UNTIL THEIR ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITY IMPROVES. (3) PERHAPS, WE SHOULD AMEND AGREEMENT TO ALLOW STORED OPIUM SUPPLIES TO ALSO BE TURNED IN FOR COMPENSATION IN ORDER TO DRY UP PIPELINE. (4) CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM SHOULD BE STEPPED UP AND AN ARTIFICIAL COMMODITIES FUTURE MARKET TO PURCHASE SUBSTITUTED CROP A YEAR IN ADVANCE CREATED.

5. GREECE - CODEL FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF PRODUCTION OR PROCESSING BUT BELIEVES GOG DOING LITTLE ABOUT PREVENTING TRANSSHIPMENT. TIR TRUCK ROUTE GOES THROUGH GREECE AND IS THOUGHT TO BE USED FOR TRANSSHIPPING OPIATES. SOME GREEK PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS INDICATE A GROWING DRUG PROBLEM AMONG YOUNG. SIXTH FLEET HAS BECOME TARGET OF

DRUG PEDDLERS. FLEET OFFICERS ARE CONVINCED THERE IS NO DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM IN FLEET. OF COUNTRIES VISITED BY CODEL GREECE HAS LARGEST NUMBER OF AMERICANS DETAINED ON DRUG CHARGES - 23. RECOMMENDATIONS - (1) MISSION IN ATHENS SHOULD ENCOURAGE GREEKS TO BE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT TIR ROUTE AND STOP SUSPECTED TRUCKS. (2) APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO GREEKS TO GIVE THEM THE CAPABILITY OF POLICING TIR ROUTE. (3) PRECAUTIONARY STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN BY SIXTH FLEET TO PREVENT FLEET FROM BECOMING A TARGET FOR DRUG TRAFFIC AS OUR TROOPS IN VIETNAM, THAILAND, AND GERMANY HAVE BECOME.

6. CONGRESSMAN HORTON AND HIS STAFF ASSISTANT WILL BE MEETING WITH STATE DESK OFFICERS AND WITH INTERAGENCY NARCOTICS WORKING GROUP LATER THIS MONTH. WE WILL DISCUSS WITH THEM VARIOUS APPARENT MISCONCEPTIONS IN REPORT. PORTER

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